

House Bill 1288 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Chapter 32 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to municipal courts, so as to provide for required training of municipal court clerks; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 32 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to municipal courts, is amended by adding a new Code Section 36-32-13 to the end of Article 1, relating to general provisions, to read as follows:

"36-32-13.

(a) For purposes of this Code section, the term:

(1) 'Municipal court' shall have the same meaning as described in subsection (a) of Code Section 36-32-1.

(2) 'Municipal court clerk' shall mean the primary person most directly responsible for the administration of a municipal court other than a judge of the municipal court.

(b)(1) Any person who is hired or appointed as a municipal court clerk on or after July 1, 2006, shall satisfactorily complete a minimum of 16 hours of training related to the operation of municipal court as prescribed by the Georgia Municipal Courts Training Council within his or her first year of service as a municipal court clerk.

(2) Each municipal court clerk, regardless of when he or she was hired or appointed, shall complete a minimum of 8 hours of training related to the operation of municipal court as prescribed by the Georgia Municipal Courts Training Council on an annual basis. The training required by this paragraph shall be satisfied by completing the training provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection in the municipal court clerk's first year of service.

1 (3) The reasonable costs and expense of training required by this Code section shall be  
2 paid by the governing authority of the municipality from municipal funds.

3 (c) The Georgia Municipal Courts Training Council shall keep records of training  
4 completed by municipal court clerks.

5 (d) In any year that any municipal court clerk does not satisfactorily complete the required  
6 training, the Georgia Municipal Courts Training Council shall promptly notify the  
7 governing authority of the applicable municipality as well as the chief municipal court  
8 judge of the applicable municipality."

9 **SECTION 2.**

10 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2006.

11 **SECTION 3.**

12 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.